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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN INTEREST IN NIGERIAN COUP

1. DURING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, THIS MORNING, HE ASKED ME WHAT I KNEW ABOUT THE NIGERIAN COUP (HE IS AWARE I FORMERLY SERVED IN NIGERIA AND THAT I RETAIN A PERSONAL INTEREST IN NIGERIAN AFFAIRS). I TOLD HIM WHAT LITTLE I KNEW. HE THEN ASKED IF I THOUGH THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT WOULD AFFECT THE FMG ATTITUDE TOWARD ANGOLA AND THE MPLA. I SAID I DIDN'T KNOW WHO THE COUP-MAKERS WERE OR WHAT WERE THEIR MOTIVES AND THUS WAS IN NO POSITION TO EVEN HAZARD A GUESS. HE THEN ASKED IF I WOULD SHARE WITH HIM ANY ASSESSMENT IN THIS REGARD THAT I MIGHT GET FROM OUR EMBASSY IN LAGOS OR THE DEPARTMENT. I TOLD HIM THAT TO THE EXTENT I COULD, I WOULD.

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE MONROVIA BEING MADE INFO ADDRESSEE ON ANY MESSAGES SPEAKING TO THIS SUBJECT AS WELL AS NATURE, MOTIVATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP OF COUP WHICH I MIGHT SHARE (IN GIST FORM) WITH DENNIS. IT WOULD STRENGTHEN THIS EMBASSY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH GOL AND INSURE HE GOES TO FEBRUARY 23 CM SUMMIT APPROPRIATELY INFORMED. THE LATTER CONSIDERATION MIGHT HELP HIM STAND LIBERIA'S GROUND ON ANGOLA.
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